Describe the type of friendship that Grace, Lizzie, and Beck have. Would you want to be friends with them?

How would you describe Grace? In what ways is she like you? In what ways is she different from you?

How does Grace change throughout the book? What makes her change?

How would you describe Grace’s relationship with her mother? Would you like a relationship like they have?

Why do you think Grace is so upset that her father has returned home? Do you think her feelings are realistic?

What specific events in the book happen to start changing Grace’s feelings toward her father? Why do you think these things help to change her feelings?

What would you have done if you were in Grace’s position and had to have your first kiss on stage?

Why do you think Michelle doesn’t like Grace? How do you think Grace feels about this?

Is Grace’s anger toward Beck after they are caught backstage reasonable? Why do you think Beck blames Grace?

How are Grace and Evan’s family situations similar?

Evan uses the railroad tracks to deal with things that are bothering him. What sort of outlets do you use when you have a problem?
Does Grace have the right to be mad at Evan for listening to her conversations with Lizzie? Would you have forgiven him?

Grace’s mom gives her some advice about first kisses. What is her advice? Do you agree with it?

Why does Grace quit Operation Pucker Up? Do you agree with her decision?

Why do you think Grace decides to tell James the truth about not ever having kissed someone? How does it help her?

After Grace finds out that James has never kissed anyone, she thinks, “Could I have this kissing thing all wrong? Maybe there were tons of us walking around the school thinking our lives were over because we hadn’t had our first kisses, when in reality, we were all rushing toward something only a few people have done...maybe this big deal wasn’t such a big deal after all.” Do you agree with her? Is this a relatable feeling?

Grace hides a lot of her feelings inside. What are some examples of things that she hides? Why do you think she does this? Who else is hiding things in the book?

Were you surprised at who Grace went looking for after the play?

The book ends with Grace stating, “We were together, and maybe the future would be hard and we might not live happily ever after right away, but for this moment at this one place, we were a family again, and that’s all that mattered.” What do you think will happen in the future? Will her family have a happily ever after?

Why do you think this book is called Operation Pucker Up? What are some other titles that might work for this book?

Books are often read for fun, but sometimes we discover that books can teach us things. What can Operation Pucker Up teach you?